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1. At a meeting of the Sicherheitsdirektoren (security directors) in Vienna on 20 November 1950 there was discussed the request made by Minister of the Interior Oskar Helmer that, by Christmas, each Land Sicherheitsdirektor draw up a plan to meet all types of emergencies ranging from mass demonstrations to outright hostilities. The request stated that the plan should be organized on three different levels to cover emergencies of varying importance.
2. Suggestions made by those present at the meeting were examined on the spot in order to enable the Sicherheitsdirektoren to draw up their plan on an established basis.
3. All Sicherheitsdirektoren stated that they lacked weapons, and that the arms which were available to them were obsolete Männlicher '98 with a maximum of 20 rounds of ammunition for each weapon. An inventory of weapons is to be taken in each Land and a weapons distribution plan will be submitted with the inventory. Helmer is reported to have stated that an unspecified number of weapons have been placed at the disposal of reliable Austrian officials in Carinthia by the British, but that these arms are obsolescent.
4. The Sicherheitsdirektoren were requested to draw up estimates of the number of auxiliary forces which could be drafted and equipped immediately in the case of emergency. It was suggested that use of the personnel of the fire departments of each community, of foresters, of some postal employees, and of the personnel of the highway supervisory offices be incorporated in the plan. It was also suggested that small forces be organized from selected personnel of key power plants and other vital installations, whose duty would be to safeguard their particular installations in the case of emergency.

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